

We Claim:

1. An emanator for evaporation of a liquid therefrom, the emanator comprising:
a first material; and
5 a second material that is disposed adjacent to said first material;
wherein the emanator is configured such that a liquid travels through the emanator at a
rate no less than a rate at which it would travel through said first material alone and no less than
a rate at which it would travel through said second material alone.
2. The emanator of claim 1, wherein the emanator is configured such that said liquid travels
10 through the emanator at a rate faster than a rate at which it would travel through said first
material alone and faster than a rate at which it would travel through said second material alone.
3. The emanator of claim 1, wherein said first material contacts said second material.
4. The emanator of claim 1, said first material comprising at least one of polyethylene,
polypropylene, polyester and nylon.
- 15 5. The emanator of claim 1, said second material comprising at least one of polyethylene,
polypropylene, polyester and nylon.
6. The emanator of claim 1, said first material comprising nylon and said second material
comprising polypropylene.
- 20 7. The emanator of claim 1, wherein said first material and said second material are needle-
punched together.
8. The emanator of claim 1, the liquid comprising liquid fragrance.
9. An air freshener comprising:
a source of a liquid fragrance; and
an emanator in fluid communication with said source of said liquid fragrance, said
25 emanator comprising:
a first material through which said liquid fragrance has a first travel rate; and
a second material through which said liquid fragrance has a second travel rate,
said second material contacting said first material;
wherein the emanator is configured such that said liquid fragrance has a third travel rate
30 through the emanator, said third travel rate no less than said first travel rate and said second
travel rate.

10. The air freshener of claim 9, wherein the emanator is configured such that said third travel rate is greater than said first travel rate and said second travel rate.
11. The air freshener of claim 9, said first material comprising at least one of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester and nylon.
- 5 12. The air freshener of claim 9, said second material comprising of at least one of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester and nylon.
13. The air freshener of claim 9, said first material comprising nylon and said second material comprising polypropylene.
14. The air freshener of claim 9, wherein said first material and said second material are needle-punched together.
15. An emanator for evaporation of a liquid therefrom, the emanator comprising:
a first material;
a second material adjacent to said first material and forming a first interface with said first material;
15 wherein the emanator is configured to permit a liquid to travel along said first interface and to evaporate from at least one of said first material and said second material.
16. The emanator of claim 15, the emanator further comprising:
a third material adjacent to said second material and forming a second interface with said second material;
20 wherein the emanator is configured to permit said liquid to travel along said second interface and to evaporate from at least one of said second material and said third material.
17. The emanator of claim 15, said first material comprising at least one of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester and nylon.
18. The emanator of claim 15, said third material comprising at least one of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyester and nylon.
- 25 19. The emanator of claim 15, said first material and said third material comprising polypropylene and said second material comprising nylon.
20. The emanator of claim 15, wherein said first material, said second material and said third material are needle-punched together.
- 30 21. The emanator of claim 15, where said first material contacts said second material.
22. The emanator of claim 16, wherein said third material contacts said second material.

23. A refill for an air freshener, the refill comprising:
a source of a liquid fragrance; and
an emanator in contact with said source of said liquid fragrance, said emanator comprising:

- 5 a first material; and
 a second material contacting said first material;

wherein the emanator is configured such that said liquid fragrance travels through said emanator at a rate no less than a rate at which it would travel through said first material alone and no less than a rate at which it would travel through said second material alone.

24. The refill of claim 23, wherein the emanator is configured such that said liquid fragrance travels through said emanator at a rate faster than a rate at which it would travel through said first material alone and faster than a rate at which it would travel through said second material alone.